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To: College Counselor
From: Jim Fricke, Executive Director, Colorado Garden Foundation
Date: January 17, 2022
Re: Scholarship Available

FOUR-YEAR FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE!

Colorado Garden Foundation, producer of the annual Colorado Garden & Home Show in Denver, is pleased to offer a **FOUR-YEAR FULL RIDE SCHOLARSHIP** to an incoming freshman at a public Colorado college or university.

Colorado Garden Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Proceeds from our annual Colorado Garden & Home Show are given away in the form of scholarships and grants in Colorado. In the past 63 years we have given away more than \$11 million.

This Four-Year Full Ride Scholarship is for an incoming freshman in the school of agriculture at a state funded Colorado college or university in the following fields of study:

- Agriculture Business
- Agriculture Education
- Horticulture
- Floriculture
- Landscape Architecture
- Botany
- Plant Biology
- Plant Pathology / Science
- Nursery & Landscape Management
- Environmental Design
- Environmental Horticulture
- Agronomy

The scholarship will be awarded based on financial need along with other factors outlined in the attached requirements.

Feel free to make photocopies of the scholarship criteria for multiple applicants. One fortunate student from a Colorado high school will be awarded this scholarship.

Please contact me if you have any questions at 303-932-8100 x-203 or email Jim@ColoradoGardenFoundation.org



FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP
COLORADO GARDEN FOUNDATION

I. Scholarship:

This scholarship offered by Colorado Garden Foundation is a four-year full-ride scholarship available to an incoming freshman resident from Colorado at a publicly funded Colorado college or university.

This scholarship includes tuition, fees, room & board, and all required books for the four years. In addition, the student will be given a laptop computer and printer at the start of their freshman year.

II. Purpose of the Scholarship Program:

Colorado Garden Foundation scholarship program awards financial aid to students in the following fields of study:

- Agriculture Business
- Agriculture Education
- Agronomy
- Botany
- Environmental Design
- Environmental Horticulture
- Floriculture
- Horticulture
- Landscape Architecture
- Nursery & Landscape Management
- Plant Biology
- Plant Pathology / Science

Applicants must be majoring in one of these fields of study. Approval must be granted by the Colorado Garden Foundation Scholarship Committee for application to be made in any major other than the ones listed.

III. Terms Under Which Scholarships are Awarded:

1. Applications must be submitted on the required application form, with *all* required additional information attached.
2. Applications must be mailed to Colorado Garden Foundation. ***All applications must be received in our office by March 15th.*** No applications received after that date will be considered.
3. All applications received will be reviewed and judged by Colorado Garden Foundation in order to choose *one* winning application. Only Colorado residents can apply. The scholarship award will be for a maximum of four years.
4. The finalists will be required to have a face-to-face interview in Denver with the board of directors of the Colorado Garden Foundation.
5. An annual cumulative grade point average of 2.50 must be maintained. Student must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.
6. Student will be expected to perform a minimum of 20 documented hours of annual volunteer community service in a related field.
7. At any time during the student's four-year experience at college, this scholarship can be revoked for the following reasons:
 - Annual grade point average falls below 2.50
 - Change of major outside of approved fields
 - Conduct unbecoming a scholarship recipient

8. After the scholarship grant has been submitted to the college or university of the student's choice, it cannot be transferred to another college or university without prior written permission from Colorado Garden Foundation.
9. In the event of a change in the student's major to one other than those approved by Colorado Garden Foundation or if the student withdraws from school, the balance of scholarship funds must be returned to:

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10. Scholarships are to be disbursed from the Financial Aid Office of the college or university the student is attending. Checks will not be sent directly to students from Colorado Garden Foundation. Funds will be disbursed each semester.
11. Student shall provide written correspondence each semester updating Colorado Garden Foundation on impact of the full-ride scholarship and how classes and major are preparing him/her for the future. Correspondence can be mailed or emailed to Colorado Garden Foundation (jim@ColoradoGardenFoundation.org) and should not exceed one page. Correspondence will be used for Colorado Garden Foundation marketing to help promote the scholarship program.
12. If the student is awarded the full-ride scholarship they must revoke other scholarships they may, or already have, received other than government subsidies.

Evaluation of the applicants will be based on the following items:

ACADEMIC RECORD:	Complete official transcript of high school grades is required.
APPLICANT'S LETTER:	Discussion of background, goals, personal commitment to chosen career, financial need. (Limited to 2 pages. Must be typed or computer generated)
LISTING OF HONORS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/WORK EXPERIENCE:	This information should be supplied on a separate sheet of paper, and not be listed within the body of applicant's letter.
FINANCIAL NEED:	A copy of the applicant's parent's most recent tax return MUST also be submitted with the application. This information is kept confidential.
RECOMMENDATIONS:	Two required letters of recommendation submitted (Limited to 1 page each. Typed or computer-generated pages)



APPLICATION FORM FOR FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Female _____ Male _____

Home (Legal) Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

College/University _____

Department in which enrolling _____

Major _____ Minor _____

When do you expect to graduate? _____ Degree _____

Occupational Objective after Graduation _____

This has no bearing on the decision of the committee but please tell us what other scholarships you have applied for and the name of those organizations so we can establish connections with other scholarship agencies. _____

PLEASE TELL US HOW YOU HEARD ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP: _____

Application form, along with grade transcript, personal letter by applicant, list of activities, Financial Aid form, tax return and letters of recommendation must be sent as one packet to Colorado Garden Foundation. Application form must be complete. Application deadline: Must be received by Colorado Garden Foundation in our office on or before March 15th.

PERSONAL LETTER BY APPLICANT. Attach to this application. Letter should discuss background, career goals, financial need, and commitment to chosen field of study. Not to exceed two pages. No additional materials will be accepted.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND/OR HONORS RECEIVED: Attach list.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Two (2) letters of recommendation required. Each limited to one page. Must be typed or computer generated. Additional pages or letters will not be accepted. Letters should include discussion of the following:

1. Scholastic ability
2. Character references
3. Work-related experience.



PLEASE CHECK EACH BOX BELOW TO AFFIRM THE SUBMISSION OF ALL NECESSARY FORMS AND INFORMATION

- APPLICATION FORM**
- APPLICANT'S NARRATIVE STATEMENT:** Discussion of background, goals, personal commitment to chosen career, financial need. Limited to 2 pages and must be typed or computer generated.
- LISTING OF HONORS/EXTRA- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/WORK EXPERIENCE:** This information should be supplied on a separate sheet of paper and should not be listed within the body of applicant's letter.
- ACADEMIC RECORD:** Complete official transcript of high school grades is required.
- FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN:** A copy of the applicant's parents' most recent federal income tax return must also be submitted with the application.
APPLICATIONS WITHOUT A TAX RETURN WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
This information is kept confidential.
- RECOMMENDATIONS:** Two required letters of recommendation (limited to 1 page each). Typed or computer-generated pages preferred.